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For: VESSEL INSPECTION METHOD)
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DEVICE)
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with this application is accompanied by an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The discussion of the allowability of Claim 1 summarizes much of the subject matter recited in Claim 1. However, the Statement makes reference to "a sampled body preparing unit for cutting the container wall to protrude the filled food to prepare the sampled body." Claim 1 does not include a recitation of a sampled body preparing unit. Indeed, Claim 1 is directed to a container inspection method that includes, in relevant part, cutting the container wall and squeezing out the filled food to prepare a sampled body.

These comments are submitted merely to make clear on the record that the comments in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be understood to imply that the claims recite anything different than that which the claims themselves set forth.

Respectfully submitted,

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